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Shertallay might be metalled or a light Railway be opened between those places.

Dewan's reply.—After considering the relative advantages of a road, light Railway and canal, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that a canal is preferable. An estimate is being prepared. The opening of a pathway on one side of the canal will also be considered.

206. *Reduction of tax on cocoanut trees.*

The same member also requested—

that the tax on cocoanut trees in the Taluk might be reduced and brought on a par with that in other Taluks, as the cost and difficulty of cocoanut cultivation was comparatively very great.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered when the trees are assessed at the settlement.

ETTUMANUR TALUK.

207. *Opening of English and Primary Schools.*

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai requested that an English school at Ettumanur and more Primary schools in the Taluk might be opened.

208. *Opening of Hospital and Vydiasalas.*

The same member also urged—

that a Hospital and more Vydiasalas might be opened in the Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Will be noted.

209. *Improvement of roads and canals.*

The same member further requested—

that all roads and canals in the Taluk might be improved, especially the road running from the Pulluvattam Police Station *via* Kattampakku and joining the Ettumanur-Vaikam road near the Thalayolaparambu market.

Dewan's reply.—Will be considered in due course.

CHANGANACHERI TALUK.

210. *Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacheri.*

Mr. C. Raghava Menon urged the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Changanacheri. Some forty years ago, there was a Munsiff's Court at that place, but it was subsequently removed to Ambalapuzha and thence shifted to Shertallay. Changanacheri was then apportioned between the Munsiffs' Courts at Kottayam, Alleppey and Thiruvella. On account of this partition between three Taluks, the people of Changanacheri were being put to much inconvenience and difficulty. He pointed out that the Taluk is over 500 square miles in extent, has one of the biggest markets in Kerala and is in no way inferior to any other Taluk. Considered financially, his proposal would not, he said, result in loss to Government. About one third of the number of cases filed in the three Courts were from Changanacheri, and to cope with the increased

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